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## Office Action Summary

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SADOWSKI, ANDRE

Examiner

Leonid M Fastovsky

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                                       | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn. However, after further consideration the claimed invention is still rejected and the Examiner is sorry for any inconvenience he has caused to the Applicant.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 11 and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 11, there is a "double inclusion" of the same statements in lines 9-12 and 15-19.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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5. Claim 1, 7, 10 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johnson et al (6,163,016).

Johnson teaches a sleeve heater (Fig. 12-14) an electrically and generally cylindrical heater coil 164, a radially compressible and generally cylindrical inner sleeve 162 snugly coaxially externally surrounding the heater coil and having an end formed with a radially inwardly projected rim 176 and radially inwardly bearing on the coil, and radially generally inextensible and generally cylindrical outer sleeve 160 fitted coaxially over the inner sleeve and having an inner surface bearing tightly radially inward on the inner sleeve and radially compressing the inner sleeve and the coil inward.

As for claims 7 and 10, the outer sleeve 120 has an axially tapered inner surface 150 axially engageable with an end of the inner sleeve, and an inwardly projected rim 126. As for claim 13, Johnson discloses an electric heater for steel molds and a metallic tubular coil sheath (col. 6, lines 2-6) and therefore both sleeves are made out of metal.

6. Claims 12 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Johnson or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Johnson in view of Beck.

Johnson teaches (Fig. 10) the radially compressible and generally cylindrical inner sleeve 122 and inherently must have a throughgoing hole and the coil 124 having ends extending through the hole. In the alternative, it would have been obvious to modify Johnson invention to as taught by Beck who teaches an inner sleeve 16 and an outer sleeve 30 (col. 3, lines 14-17) with a hole 28 through which the coil 24 extends (Fig. 3).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 2-6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson.

Johnson discloses substantially the claimed invention in the 1st embodiment, shown in Fig. 12-14, but does not show a sleeve having slots. In the 2nd embodiment, shown in figures 6-8, Johnson discloses an inner sleeve 80 with number of slots. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Johnson's invention in the 1<sup>st</sup> embodiment to include a sleeve with slots from the 2<sup>nd</sup> embodiment in order to compress the sleeve and the heating coil.

As for claim 8, it would be obvious to make the tapered inner surface of the outer sleeve 130 about 10 mm long as an optimal design choice.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 11 and 15-17 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

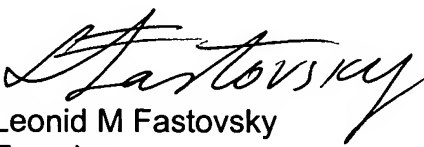
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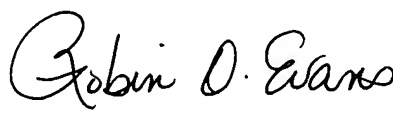
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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